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SUBJECT: ACQUISITION OF PATROL GUNBOATS BY ROK

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1. REF A PROVIDES BACKGROUND AND RATIONALE FOR
ROK ACQUISITION OF PATROL GUNBOATS IN LIEU OF PRODUCTION OF
COASTAL PATROL AND INTERDICTION CRAFT (CPIC). REFERENCE B
PREVIOUSLY ADDRESSED REQUIREMENT TO SCREEN OTHER US AGENCIES
PRIOR TO CONSIDERING PG'S FOR TRANSFER TO FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

2. RATIONALE FOR TRANSFER OF ADDITIONAL PATROL GUNBOATS
TO ROK IS ACKNOWLEDGED AND WILL BE USED TO SUPPORT THE
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TRANSFER, IF PG'S ARE DETERMINED TO BE AVAILABLE FOR
TRANSFER.

3. TRANSFER OF THE PG'S TO ROK (OR ANY FOREIGN COUNTRY)
WILL REQUIRE CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL IN THE FORM OF SPECIFIC
ENABLING LEGISLATION PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF 10 USC
7307B. IN AUGUST 1976, THE SENATE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE,

WITH REFERENCE TO THE PROPOSED TRANSFER OF TWO PG'S TO GREECE, RECOMMENDED DEFERRAL OF AUTHORITY REQUESTED FOR THE TRANSFER AND STATED "THAT FURTHER REVIEW OF THE NEEDS FOR

THE RELATIVELY NEW PATROL GUNBOATS SHOULD BE MADE THROUGH ALL AGENCIES OF THE UNITED STATES. WITH THE SIGNIFICANT REQUIREMENTS THAT MANY AGENCIES HAVE TO PATROL OR OTHERWISE PERFORM IN WATER AREAS, IT WOULD SEEM REASONABLE THAT ALL AVENUES OF UTILIZATION SHOULD BE EXPLORED BEFORE THESE GUNBOATS ARE SOLD TO FOREIGN COUNTRIES." ACCORDINGLY, IN AUGUST 1977, THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY WILL REFER THE FOUR PG'S, WHICH ARE REFERRED TO IN REF A AND WHICH ARE TO BE DECOMMISSIONED FROM THE USN ON 1 OCT 77, TO THE GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION FOR UTILIZATION SCREENING, A PROCESS WHICH WILL TAKE ABOUT TWO MONTHS. INFORMAL INDICATIONS ARE THAT ALL THE PG'S WILL BE REQUESTED BY VARIOUS OTHER AGENCIES, SUCH AS, THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (3), MASSACHUSETTS MARITIME ACADEMY (1), NAVAL SHIP RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT CENTER, ANNAPOLIS (1), ET AL. THE BOATS WOULD OF COURSE BE DEMILITARIZED PRIOR TRANSFER TO OTHER AGENCIES AS MATTER OF ROUTINE.

4. THERE ARE FOUR OTHER PG'S (NOT MISSILE ARMED) "AVAILABLE FOR TRANSFER." THESE, HOWEVER, HAVE ALREADY BEEN COMMITTED, SUBJECT TO CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL AND THEIR FINAL AVAILABILITY-TWO TO GREECE IN THE PROPOSED CONFIDENTIAL

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DEFENSE COOPERATION AGREEMENT AND TWO TO COLOMBIA. THERE ARE NO OTHER PG'S OR APPROPRIATE SUBSTITUTES AVAILABLE NOW OR ANTICIPATED IN THE FUTURE.

5. THE INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE SENATE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE MUST BE COMPLIED WITH AND ANY FORMAL REQUESTS FROM OTHER U.S. AGENCIES MUST BE CONSIDERED. THE PREVIOUS COMMITMENTS TO GREECE AND COLOMBIA MUST ALSO BE HONORED. THEREFORE, UNTIL THE REQUISITE UTILIZATION SCREENING HAS BEEN COMPLETED, THE AVAILABILITY OF ADDITIONAL PATROL GUNBOATS FOR TRANSFER TO ROK CAN NOT BE DETERMINED. IF PG'S DO BECOME AVAILABLE, CONSIDERATION WILL BE GIVEN TO THE ROK REQUEST.

6. THE FOREGOING IS AUTHORIZED FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH GOK; HOWEVER, NO REFERENCE SHOULD BE MADE TO THE SPECIFIC COUNTRIES TO WHICH THE USG HAS MADE PREVIOUS COMMITMENTS. CHRISTOPHER

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